

Lift Up Your Shield

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Refrain: Lift up your shield, my brother!
 Lift up your sword, my friend!
 For if you love your freedom dearly
 We must go to war again!

Charles the Bald is coming hither
He brings with him ten thousand men!
And if he has his way, my brother,
We will serve a Frankish king!

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Brittany has outlived Caesar,
Brittany outlasted Rome!
And if She is to outlive Charles
We must march with Nomenoe!

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Saxons drove us from one homeland
Norsemen came to steal and burn!
If Charles the Second wants our country
He must pay in blood and bone!

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When the day of battle's over
The Frankish knights will burn in Hell!
And if there is a God in Heaven
Charles the Bald will burn as well!

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Hear the cry throughout the country
No Frank shall rule a Breton man!
And when our swords have cleared our country
Nomenoe will be our King!

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